Tista Project

814. SHRI CH1TTA BASU: Win the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been. Jong time overrun and huge cost escalation of the, Tista Project; and

(b),,if so, the. reasons therefor?

. THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI "B. SHANKARAN-AND; (a) and (b) The main reasons are:

- (j) taking up of new works during (the course of implementation of. the project; and .

(ii) non-availability of adequate funds and consequent prolongation of the construction period resulting in cost. escalation*.

Sugar production

815. SHBI SHANTI TYAGI. Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) the estimated production of,, sugar in the country. by the end 'of Marcjjf 1987;

(b) the production *hi* sugar in. the; country for the corresponding period last year;

(c) whether Government propose to increase the quantity of sugar per unit' t_0 be distributed through P. D. S. in ' the rural areas; and ,

(el) whellher Government! propose to fix up a sugar quota for domestic' consumption to the sugarcane supp liers on the basis of their yearly total supply of sugarcane ' to the sugar[1] mills?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES SHRI GHULAM NABIAZAD): (a) and (by The esti. A mated production of sugar in the coun-,,. try upto 31st March, 1987 during the current 1986-87 season aggregated to 66. 92 lakh tonnes as against 59. 96 lakh tonnes on the corresponding date last year,

(c) The State Governments/Union Territories are allotted levy sugar fluota, generally on, the basis of 425 grams P?r month per capita for the projected population as on 1-10-1986. The pattern of allocation to the Public Distribution. System within the State is decided by the State Governments themselves with, reference to local requirements and circumstances, on the basis of norms fixed by them.

(d, v Under the present policy of par-tial control, levy sugar quota isallot, ted to each State Government/Union Territory for distribution ampng *]* the entire population which includes the cane growers

Abolition of post

816. SHRI K. VASUDEVA' PANI-CKER WU1 the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state;

(a), whether it is a fact that the Indian" Council of Agricultural, Research Aad recently abolished a large number of, posts in its all India Coordinated. Projects for various crops;

. (b) if. so, what. are the details thereof and the reasons theref

(c) whether this step, of the ICAR is likely to lead to dislocation and in some cases even unemployment, of hundreds of agricultural scientists and supporting staff; and

(d) so so, the number of person* likely to beV unemployed as a result thereof and what remedial steps Government propose to take in this regard

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRli YOGENDRA MAKWANA); (a) and| (b) Details of some of the posts abo lighed/readjusted and the reasons therefor together with new positions